appropriation of funds under MPLADS in the State of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have been received. Whenever such a complaint is received, a report is called for from the concerned authorities of the State Government and necessary corrective actions taken.

[English]

Monitoring of Development Scheme

2368. SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to involve political representatives in the implementation and monitoring of different Urban and Rural Development Schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA D. SAVANOOR): (a) to (c) The Constitution Seventy-third Amendment Act 1992 on the Panchayats and the Constitution Seventy-Fourth Amendment Act 1992 on Municipalities provide that the legislature of a State may, by law, endow the Panchayats/Municipalities with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as institutions of self-government and such law may contain provisions for the devolution of powers and responsibilities upon Panchayats/Municipalities at the appropriate level with respect to the preparation of plans for economic development and social justice and the implementation of schemes for economic development and social justice as may be entrusted to them including those in relation to the matters listed in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution Seventy Third Amendment Act 1992 and the Twelfth Schedule of the Constitution Seventy Fourth Amendment Act 1992 respectively. The legislature of a state may, by law, provide for the representation of the members of the House of the People, the members of the legislative Assembly of the State, the members of the Council of States and the members of Legislative Council of the State in the composition of Panchayats/Municipalities.

Review of 20 - Point Programme

2369. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any review on the implementation of 20 - Point Programme during Eighth Plan; and

(b) if so, the progress made on various schemes under 20 - Point Economic Programme during the said period, state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA D. SAVANOOR): (a) and (b) Monitoring the progress of implementation of 20-Point Programme-86 is an on-going exercise. The ranking of the States, based on the performance of select monthly monitored items, is given in the attached Statement. The details regarding the progress made in the implementation of the 20-Point Programme-86 during the Eighth Plan period with reference to the items that are monitored on a monthly basis are available in the Annual Progress Reports of 20-Point Programme-86 for the period 1992-93 to 1996-97. These published documents are made available regularly to the Parliament Library.

Statement

Ranking of States on the Performance of TPP'86 For 1992 - 93 To 1996 - 97

S. No.	States/UTs	92-93	93-94	94-95	95-96	96-97
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pr.	1	6	8	4	7
2.	Arunachal Pr.	18	23	15	16	9
3.	Assam	22	22	20	23	25
4.	Bihar	14	19	21	21	26
5.	Delhi*	–	–	–	20	24
6.	Goa	16	18	18	24	21
7.	Gujarat	3	2	5	8	1
8.	Haryana	11	16	15	17	20
9.	Himachal Pr.	13	11	9	11	1
10.	J & K	25	25	23	14	19
11.	Karnataka	8	8	10	17	7
12.	Kerala	20	2	7	13	14
13.	M.P.	9	4	5	10	9
14.	Maharashtra	16	10	3	7	14
15.	Manipur	23	21	22	25	23
16.	Meghalaya	21	20	24	26	16
17.	Mizoram	9	13	12	12	16
18.	Nagaland	24	24	25	27	27
19.	Orissa	12	8	11	4	11

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
20.	Pondicherry*	–	–	–	8	13
21.	Punjab	6	12	17	19	12
22.	Rajasthan	1	4	4	4	3
23	Sikkim	6	14	12	3	5
24.	Tamil Nadu	3	1	1	1	4
25.	Tripura	15	14	19	14	16
26.	U.P.	5	7	2	1	6
27.	West Bengal	19	17	14	21	22

* Delhi and Pondichery are also ranked since 1995-96 onwards.

Acupuncture System

2370. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1305 dated March 3, 1997 regarding Acupuncture System and state :

(a) whether the requisite information has since been collected so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Following a large number of proposals for recognition of Acupuncture, Government have decided to set up a Committee of Experts to examine the issues relating to alternative therapies including Acupuncture.

(c) Does not arise.

Roster System of Reservation

2371. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether roster indicating reservation for SC/ST employees in various grades in his Ministry are not being maintained as per the guidelines issued by Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms;

(b) whether a large number of posts meant for SC/ ST employees have been denied to them.

(c) whether these Rosters have not been signed by Liaison Officers in his Ministry; and

(d) if so, the action Government propose to take against those officers who have not implemented the reservation policy in his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Rosters are being maintained as per the guidelines issued by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms.

(b) No Sir, the Ministry of External Affairs is following the relevant guidelines issued by the Department of Personnel subject to the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal's directive to this Ministry contained in decision on OA No. 405/96 on 5th June, 1996 for computing vacancies.

(c) The rosters are examined by the Liaison Officer from time to time but his signing them has not been insisted upon. However, as a further measure, the same will be ensured in future. The rosters are also accessible to any employee interested to see them.

(d) There is no question of not implementing the Government's policy on reservation. Any lapse will be suitably dealt with, as per the rules.

[Translation]

Population Control Measures

2372. SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of population control and family planning measures taken at the world level and the role of India therein;

(b) the number of women who terminate pregnancy and the number of couples who use contraceptives in the country as per the survey conducted by the Council;

(c) the salient features of the present reproduction health programme package; and

(d) the reaction of the Government to the increasing foeticide?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) Since the International Conference on Population and Development, 1994, several national Governments are reported to have made progress in implementing the Programme Action adopted at the said Conference. India has adopted the 'Reproductive and Child Health' approach to its Family Welfare Programme, in accordance with the Programme of Action.

(b) 5.66 lakh women are reported to have undergone medical termination of pregnancy in the year